

oil, give sufficient security to the secretary of the state, in behalf of the general assembly; and each high sheriff, before the first judge of the county court to the treasurer of their respective counties, previous to their respectively entering upon the execution of their offices, in such manner, and in sums, as shall be directed by the legislature.

§ 28. The treasurer's accounts shall be annually audited, and a fair state thereof laid before the general assembly at their session in October.

§ 29. Every officer, whether judicial, executive, or military, in authority under this state, before he enters upon the execution of his office, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation of allegiance to this state, unless he shall produce evidence that he has before taken the same; and also the following oath or affirmation of office, except military officers, and such as shall be exempted by the legislature.

*The oath or affirmation of office.*

"You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will be true and faithful to the state of Vermont, and that you will not, directly or indirectly, do any act or thing injurious to the constitution or government thereof, as established by convention: (*If an oath*) so help you God. (*If an affirmation*) under the pains and penalties of perjury.

*The oath or affirmation of office.*

"You, ———, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will faithfully execute the office of ——— for the ——— of ———; and will therein do equal right and justice to all men, to the best of your judgment and abilities, according to law: (*If an oath*) so help you God. (*If an affirmation*) under the pains and penalties of perjury."

§ 30. No person shall be eligible to the office of governor or lieutenant-governor, until he shall have resided in this state four years next preceding the day of his election.

§ 31. Trials of issues, proper for the cognizance of a jury, in the supreme and county courts, shall be by jury, except where parties otherwise agree; and great care ought to be taken to prevent corruption or partiality in the choice and return or appointment of juries.

§ 32. All prosecutions shall commence, *by the authority of the state of Vermont*; all indictments shall conclude with these words: *against the peace and dignity of the state*. And all fines shall be proportioned to the offences.

§ 33. The person of a debtor, where there is not strong presumption of fraud, shall not be continued in prison after delivering up and assigning over, *bona fide*, all his estate, real and personal, in possession, reversion, or remainder, for the use of his creditors, in such manner as shall be hereafter regulated by law. And all prisoners, unless in execution or committed for capital offences, when the proof is evident or presumption great, shall be bailable by sufficient sureties; nor shall excessive bail be exacted for bailable offences.

§ 34. All elections, whether by the people or the legislature, shall be free and voluntary; and any elector, who shall receive any gift or re-